

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA,
GREAT FALLS DIVISION**

ZIMMERMAN, INC., DUN O’CONNOR, and
FAITH M. O’CONNOR,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MURPHY EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION CO.,
a Delaware corporation, MURPHY OIL USA,
INC., a Delaware corporation, MURPHY OIL
CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation,
SAMSON RESOURCES CORP., a Delaware
corporation, SAMSON RESOURCES COMPANY,
a Oklahoma corporation, and JOHN DOES 1–
30, inclusive,

Defendants.

MURPHY EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION CO.,
MURPHY OIL, USA, INC., and MURPHY PIL
CORPORATION,

Third-Party Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. CV-20-68-GF-BMM-JTJ

**ORDER APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT
OF EPU-I QUALIFIED SETTLEMENT
FUND TRUST**

BALLARD PETROLEUM HOLDINGS, LLC, a Montana limited liability company, POPLAR RESOURCES LLC, a Montana limited liability company, W.R. GRACE & CO., a Connecticut Corporation, GRACE PETROLEUM CORPORATION, a Delaware Corporation, SAMSON RESOURCES CORPORATION, a Delaware Corporation, SAMSON RESOURCES COMPANY, an Oklahoma Corporation, SAMSON RESOURCES II, LLC, a Delaware LLC, and JAMES DOES 1-20 Inclusive,

Third-Party Defendants.

The Court, having reviewed the Unopposed Motion for Approval of Qualified Settlement Fund Pursuant to Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code,

HEREBY ORDERS, ADJUDGES, AND DECREES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Court approves the establishment of the EPU-I Qualified Settlement Fund Trust (the “Trust”) and recognizes the Trust as a Qualified Settlement Fund; and

2. The Court will continue to exercise jurisdiction over the Trust until the Trust is terminated.

DATED this 5th day of September 2023.



Brian Morris, Chief District Judge
United States District Court